Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A communication system, comprising:

        multiple connection devices;

        storing means in each of the multiple connection devices for storing information pertaining to ~~a connection device which a communication device should connect to~~ communication devices to which each connection device permits a connection;

        determining means for determining, by means of a first connection device making an inquiry to another connection device about permission for a communication device to make a connection, a connection device ~~which is connected to a first connection device and~~ to which the communication device should connect ~~to,~~ based on information stored in the storing means, wherein the first connection device further comprises registering means for registering the connection device performing the inquiry and the determining means performs the inquiry to a connection device other than the connection device registered in the registering means in a case where the determining means could not determine the connection device to which the communication device should connect after an inquiry made based on the registration in the registering means ; and

        notifying means for notifying to the communication device information for connecting to the connection device determined by the determining means.

2.   (Original) A communication system according to claim 1, further comprising an administrative device having the storing means,

        wherein the administrative device performs the determination performed by the determining means.

3.   (Currently Amended) A communication system according to claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein the determining means performs the determination when the communication device performs an authentication process with the administrative device via the first connection device.

4.   (Original) A communication system according to claim 1, wherein the notifying means
        notifying the information includes one of frequency information for connecting to the
        connection device, identification information for identifying the connection device, and
        enciphering information.

5.   (Original) A communication system according to claim 1, wherein the determining
        means performs the determination based on user information pertaining to the user of the
        communication device.

6.   (Original) A communication system according to claim 1, wherein the storing means
        stores the connection device that the communication device should connect to according
        to units of time.

7.   (Original) A communication system according to claim 1, wherein the notifying means
        notifies the information pertaining to multiple connecting devices in a case where the
        determining means determines that there are multiple connection devices which the
        communication device should connect to.

8.   (Original) A communication system according to claim 7, wherein the communication
        device performs a display to select one of the multiple connection devices notified.

9.   (Original) A communication system according to claim 1, wherein the storing means
        stores the information pertaining to the connection device that the communication device
        should connect to separately by the area where the communication device is arranged.

10.   (Original) A communication system according to claim 9, further comprising instructing
        means for giving instructions so that multiple communication devices connect to multiple
        connection devices in an evenly distributed fashion in a case where the determining
        means determines that in the same area there are multiple connection devices which the
        communication device should connect to.

11-14. (Canceled)

15.   (Currently Amended) A communication system according to claim ~~13~~ 1, wherein the
        connection device that received the inquiry from the first connection device updates
        contents registered in the registering means.

16.   (Currently Amended) A communication system according to claim ~~12~~ 1, wherein the
        first connection device performs the inquiry performed by the determining means in a
        case where the first connection device does not permit the communication device to
        connect.

17-24. (Canceled)

25.   (Currently Amended) A connection device, comprising:
              storing means for storing information pertaining to a communication device to
        which the connection device permits a connection;
              determining means for determining, by means of the connection device inquiring
        to another connection device about permission for the communication device to make a
        connection, a connection device to which is connected ~~to~~ the connection device and to
        which the communication device should connect ~~to~~, in accordance with the information
        stored in the storing means~~; and~~
              registering means for registering the connection device performing the inquiry ,
        wherein the determining means performs the inquiry to a connection device other than
        the connection device registered in the registering means in a case where the determining
        means could not determine the connection device which the communication device
        should connect to after an inquiry made based on the registration in the registering
        means; and
              notifying means for notifying to the communication device information for
        connecting to the connection device determined by the determining means.

26-28. (Canceled)

29.   (Currently Amended) A connection device according to claim 26 25, wherein the
       connection device updates contents registered in the registering means when the
       connection device receives the inquiry from another connection device.

30.   (Currently Amended) A connection device according to claim 26 25, wherein the
       connection device performs the inquiry performed by the determining means in a case
       where the connection device does not permit the communication device to connect.

31.   (Canceled)